ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

M. M. Wood

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

MOBILE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

UNION CHURCH, MOBILE COUNTY, ALA.

August 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th, 1893.

R. L. MAUPIN, - - - Moderator,
D. W. McGAUGHEY, - Clerk and Treasurer.

The next meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1894, with such Church as is selected by the Executive Committee.

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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

1. The Mobile Baptist Association met in its thirteenth annual session with Union Baptist church, Mobile county, at 10:30 a. m., August 12, 1893. In the absence of Bro. R. L. Maupin, the Moderator of last year, devotional exercises were conducted by Elder H. H. Shell, and several brethren took part.

2. Preaching of the annual sermon was postponed until 7:30 o'clock to-night.

3. Brethren W. L. Cahall, R. S. Dicken and D. R. Cooper were appointed to read the church letters, and also as the Finance Committee.

4. The list of delegates and visitors was begun and afterwards completed as follows:

St. Francis Street—R. L. Maupin, D. W. McGaughey, W. L. Cahall, H. Austill, E. R. Quattlebaum, G. J. Robertson and W. A. Alexander.

Palmetto Street—H. H. Shell, G. T. Litchfield, Elias Gaston, T. W. Davis and S. E. Lambert.

Zion—J. B. Fletcher, J. C. Pollard, H. Dowdle, R. F. Farnell, J. H. Bolton and J. H. Jackson.

Citronelle—J. M. Kailin and H. C. Hansen.

Bayou le Batre—Joseph Arnett and John Bosarge.

Shady Grove—Noel Turner and R. S. Dicken.

Union—S. L. Freeland, John Fields and W. J. Hamilton.

Red Bud—W. J. Smith and R. L. Jones.

Mt. Pleasant—J. R. Newell and W. P. Roberts.

Bay Minette—J. W. Dossett.

Bay Shore—Letter, no delegate.

Bethany—Not represented.

Shell Banks—Not represented.

Brook Cedron—Not represented.

Fairford—Not represented.

Visitors—Rev. C. W. Hare, Judson Institute and Howard College; Rev. J. M. Hall, Antioch Association; Miss Lida Robertson, Vice President, Woman's Work of Mobile Baptist Association.

5. The body was organized by the election of R. L. Maupin, Moderator, and D. W. McGaughey, Clerk and Treasurer.

6. Bro. Maupin, the Moderator elect, not being present,

Bro. G. T. Litchfield was chosen temporary Moderator until the arrival of Bro. Maupin.

7. The programme suggested by the Executive Committee as the order of exercises for the Association was adopted.

8. The pastor and deacons of Union church were appointed a committee on devotional exercises and hours of meeting.

9. Bro. E. R. Quattlebaum read the following report of the Executive Committee, which, after some discussion, was referred to a committee, viz: H. Austill, T. W. Davis and Noel Turner:

To the Mobile Baptist Association:

BRETHREN:—We herewith transmit to you the minutes of our executive sessions, together with the correspondence incident to the missionary work on Mon Louis and Dauphin Islands, and touching the holding of "Centennial Mission Meetings," as proposed by the last Association. They will explain themselves.

We suggest the following programme for the ensuing Association: 1. Devotional exercises led by the Moderator of last year or some one whom he will appoint. 2. Annual sermon by Rev. J. M. Kailin. 3. Reading of letters and organization. 4. Reception of new churches. 5. Enrollment of visitors. 6. Report of the Executive Committee. 7. Reports of missionaries. 8. Report on Sunday School work. 9. Report on State and Home Missions. 10. Report on Colportage. 11. Report on Education. 12. Report on Foreign Missions. 13. Report on Woman's Work. 14. Report on Temperance. 15. Miscellaneous business. 16. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted, E. R. QUATTLEBAUM, Sec'ty.

10. Bro. D. R. Cooper submitted the following as the hours of meeting and the time for devotional exercises: (8.)

TIME OF MEETING AND PUBLIC WORSHIP.

The Association meet at 10 a. m., adjourn at 12 m. for dinner; reassemble at 1 p. m., and adjourn at 3:30 p. m.

Preaching, Thursday at 7:30 p. m., by J. M. Kailin. Friday at 7:30 p. m., by J. M. Hall. Saturday at 7:30 p. m., by W. L. Cahall. Sunday, at 11 a. m., by H. H. Shell. Sunday at 2 p. m., (in the grove, to men,) by J. W. Dossett. Sunday at 2 p. m., (in the church, to women,) Miss Lida Robertson, on Woman's Work. Sunday at 7:30 p. m., by H. P. Hanson.

11. The Association took a recess for dinner, after prayer by Bro. Cooper.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

12. The Association reassembled pursuant to adjournment, Bro. Litchfield, Moderator. The body spent some time in devotional exercises, led by Bro. J. M. Hall. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

13. Bro. J. M. Kailin read his report as missionary, which, after some discussion, was adopted.

MISSIONARY REPORT.

Since the last meeting of the Association some changes have been made in my field of labor. Fairford was given up to Bro. W. A. Parker, last September. In January Deer Park was also given up. Bro. J. M. Hall preaches there once a month. My present field includes Citronelle, two Sundays Bayou le Batre, one Sunday; the other is given to Daphne and Point Clear. This field is not as much self-supporting as the one I had last year, and hence my collections for salary have been much smaller—not half the amount required. I have had no baptisms on my field the past year. Two fifth Sunday meetings were held in January and April in the Southeastern and Macedonian Associations. These were regarded as quite helpful to ministers and deacons. I have preached for churches in other Associations during revival meetings. I have also gone to Whistler and Bay Minette churches, while they had no pastor, and preached for them several times. The following statistics are given: Sermons, 164; prayer meetings held, 21; miles travelled, 2470: collected for missions, etc., $50.55.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. KAILIN.

14. Brethren Kailin, Dicken and Quattlebaum were appointed a committee to prepare and read to this body a report on State Missions. Also, Brethren Austill, Fletcher and Freeland one on Home Missions.

15. Bro. Cahall read the report on

COLPORTAGE.

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." In consequence of this great commission, the Bible and Colportage Board of the State Convention was created, and for four years has been striving to send the gospel to every creature in our State.

Brethren, let us patronize our Board, let us assist in the dissemination of Baptist literature, and we will see an era of progress which will surprise the expectations of even the most sanguine. We do not fully realize the potency of the printing-press, for if we did we would enter in upon the work with al

our God-given powers, and gain the victory for the Lord. If we can do no more, let us order our supplies from Bro. J. B. Collier, of Opelika, where we can get them just as cheap, and the Board makes a small profit with which it may carry on its work, of winning the world for Christ.

Respectfully submitted, W. L. CAHALL.

The report was discussed by W. L. Cahall, J. W. Dossett, H. H. Shell, D. R. Cooper, J. M. Kailin and E. R. Quattlebaum, and then adopted.

16. The Association adjourned, after prayer by Bro. Dicken.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

17. The Association met at 10 a. m., Moderator R. L. Maupin, presiding. Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator. Minutes of last session read and approved.

18. Bro. H. Austill, on behalf of the committee to whom was referred the report of the Executive Committee, submitted the following, which was adopted with the report: (9)

The undersigned committee to which was referred the report of the Executive Committee, beg leave to report as follows: It appears from the minutes of the last Association that two questions were referred to the Executive Committee: First, the question of holding Centennial Mission Meetings at some church in this Association; and second, the question of missionary work on Mon Louis and Dauphin Islands. It appears from the report of the Executive Committee and correspondence accompanying same that the Committee gave attention to both these subjects. And while the Centennial Meetings were not held, the particular object to be accomplished by such meetings, viz: special collections for mission purposes, the work was accomplished by collecting committees. The committee requested the State Mission Board to appoint a missionary for service on the islands named, and recommended Bro. J. S. Lumbard for the work. This committee is informed that Bro. Lumbard was appointed, and the committee presumes that a report will be made by him to this Association touching his work in that field.

This committee recommends the report of the Executive Committee be received and filed, and begs to be discharged.

H. AUSTILL.
T. W. DAVIS.
N. TURNER.

19. Bro. Quattlebaum offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to inquire into the difficulties preventing the harmonious working of the Shell Banks church, and to suggest some plan whereby the good offices of this Association

can be exercised to bring about that Christian harmony so much desired by our churches.

The Moderator appointed Brethren Quattlebaum, Cooper and Austill, in accordance with above resolution.

20. H. H. Shell, W. P. Roberts and G. T. Litchfield were appointed a Committee on Nominations.

21. Bro. J. S. Lumbard read his report as

MISSIONARY.

I commenced work in the southern part of Mobile county January 1st and make this report up to July 1st, 1893: Days of servive, 74; miles travelled, 487; sermons preached, 81; number of persons baptized, 3; received by letter, 5; restored, 1; Sunday Schools organized, 2; prayer meetings organized, 2; prayer meetings held, 10; number of preaching stations without churches, 5; number of visits to preaching stations, 9; amount collected for church building, $82 09; amount collected from Union church for State Missions, $6 12; from Mount Pleasant church for State Missions, $12 45. Total for State Missions, $18 57. We hope to complete our building by October 1st.

Respectfully submitted, J. S. LUMBARD, Missionary on the Islands.

The report was spoken to Brethren Lumbard, Hanson and Cooper, when Bro. Quattlebaum offered the following resolution, which was adopted with the report :

Resolved, That we have heard with gratitude the report of the progress made by our missionary, Bro. Lumbard, on Mon Louis and Dauphin Islands, and that we recommend to the State Mission Board the reappointment of Brother Lumbard as our missionary for the ensuing year.

22. After prayer by Bro. Shell the body took a recess for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

23. The Association reconvened at 1 p. m. Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

24. Bro. Cahall read the report on

EDUCATION.

In our nineteenth century civilization we can conceive of no issue of such pristine importance as education. And the demands for it have increased to such proportions, that in almost every city there is to be seen the spire of a college or university. But there is a phase of education which is of far more importance than any other:—the "wisdom" spoken of by the inspired sage who penned the Proverbs. By it we are lifted to the loftiest plane of human attainment, and from this height we look upward to the perfection of the divine nature; for "wisdom" is not only connected with the most exalted

achievements of the human spirit, but includes the most sublime processes of the divine mind.

We have here in our own State two colleges which would have been an ornament even to the cultured Greeks. They instruct not only in the lore of the day, but also in that "wisdom" which cometh from on high. Their very atmosphere savors of Christianity. Well may we say, "Long live the Howard," "Success to the Judson," but if we do not sustain them with our means, how are they to live and enjoy success? W. L. CAHALL.

This report was discussed by W. L. Cahall, H. H. Shell, A. B. Gaston, D. R. Cooper, C. W. Hare, J. M. Kailin, J. M. Hall, and then adopted.

25. Brethren H. H. Shell, John Fields and R. S. Dicken were appointed a committee to see the delegates from each church and get pledges for Ministerial Education.

26. Bro. Cooper read Miss Lida Robertson's

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention our Woman's Missionary Union raised over $62,000 for missions, during the last Conventional year. Alabama reported 252 societies which contributed to missions and church aid $6,198 33: sent twenty boxes of clothing and other necessities to frontier missionaries valued at $900. A Baptist Orphanage has been established. Four Cuban girls are being cared for in Havana and the women of the Birmingham Association are supporting Miss Anna Hartwell, in Canton.

Regarding Woman's Work in our Association I am still combatted with the very great difficulty of inducing the societies to co-operate with the Central Committee. Up to date, I have failed to secure reports from any of the societies since the meeting of the Association last year despite all written appeals and much wasted postage, except Bayou le Batre, Zion and St. Francis Street churches. Many of the societies seem to think that to co-operate with the Central Committee means to make extra contributions, other than to those objects for which they are already struggling. The Central Committee does not receive contributions at all, its only aim is to obtain an estimate of what our Baptist women-workers are doing throughout the State and by co operation and interchange of ideas to be stimulated to greater efforts, and more effective plans.

The Bayou le Batre and St. Francis Street societies contributed as follows: Church aid, $498 00; Baptist Orphanage, $3 80; Charity, $47 00; Missions, $45 00; Howard College, $25 00—Total, $618 80.

If our societies would only put themselves into co-operative touch with the Central Committee they would benefit us and we could in turn be very helpful to them.

Let me beg of the Shepherds—the pastors to aid me in trying to secure this co-operation.

There are two objects of vital importance before our women in Alabama today, one is the Orphanage recently established for our Baptist orphans; and the other is the endowment of our only (Howard) College for our Baptist young men. Let me implore every mother in our Association to carry these objects close to her heart. To earnestly pray for them and zealously work for and talk for their success. Respectfully submitted,

LIDA B. ROBERTSON, Vice President.

Brethren Cooper, Hanson, Kailin, Shell, Quattlebaum, Hare, Lumbard, Dossett, Cahall, Farnell and Hall spoke to the report, and it was then adopted.

27. After benediction by Bro. Hall, the body adjourned.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

28. The Association met at 10 a. m. Devotional services led by the Moderator. Minutes of last session read and approved.

29. On motion it was decided that the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions be now read, and then discussed as a whole.

Bro. Kailin read the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

The State Board of Missions is the creature of the Baptists of Alabama. As uch the general work of missions in the State has been entrusted to it. In addition to raising money for the work in Alabama it is considered the agent to raise money for the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. At the last meeting of the State Convention the Bible and Colportage Board was consolidated with the State Mission Board, and the two are now known as the State Board of Missions. While efforts have been made for the enlargement of the work on the Foreign field, plans have been devised for the extension of the work in our State. Attention has been called especially to the great need for colportage work. Many Associations have asked the State Board to supply them with colpolteurs. The Board is anxious to do this as well as to help weak and destitute churches in securing pastors and sending evangelists to the most needy sections of the State. The financial crisis, coming just at this time, has crippled the Board, and it has not money enough to maintain the present force of missionaries, to say nothing of enlargement. Many Associations are willing to co-operate with the State Board, but the difficulty is that they have no higher conception of co-operation than getting all they can for nothing. This is not a missionary spirit. We regret that the contributions for State Missions from our Association the past year have not been larger, considering the amount the Board has expended within our bounds. Let us do more in the way of self-support, and help the Board instead of getting help from it.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. KAILIN, Chairman.

Bro. Austill read the report on

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee, appointed at this meeting, to make a report upon Home Missions, regret to say that they have had no time to gather statistical information as to how much has been collected or expended in this work. No doubt all thinking church members fully appreciate the importance of this work and the duty resting upon them to hold up the hands of our Mission Board in carrying on the work

The command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," includes, of course, our kindred and neighbors who dwell among us. If the grain in the field at home is ready for the harvest perhaps our first work should be in this field. By filling the barns at home we will be better able to make long journeys to more distant fields.

The remarks made at this Association by the brothers who have been doing missionary work in this county have shown us the great necessity for the work and its continuance. While we rejoice to learn that they have accomplished so much let us encourage them to go on with the work until the light of truth shines in every dark corner of our county and our country.

And how are we to give such encouragement? By contributing money to the Home Board that the Board may defray the expenses of conducting the work. It is just as necessary for Christians to raise money to carry on war against the devil as it is for a nation to raise money to maintain the soldiers who carry on war against our enemy. H. AUSTILL, Ch'm.

Bro. Robertson read the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At no time has so much been done to send the gospel into other lands as in this "Centennial Year" of Foreign Missions.

In 1890 the Foreign Mission Board suggested to the Southern Baptist Convention that we send out one missionary and build a chapel for each year in the centenary. This suggestion was agreed to and the churches of the South were called upon to raise the necessary amount to carry out this proposition. To do it, it was estimated that it would take $250,000. Of that amount over $155,000 have been raised, and it is thought that when all of the contributions are in, it will reach $200,000. Taking the financial depression all over the country into consideration, this is a good showing. Of the hundred missionaries wanted, only about half have volunteered to go. It is hoped, however, when the others are secured, the balance of the amount will be forthcoming.

It is the duty of every Christian to help in this work. A few figures gathered from reports embodied in the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention, will give an idea of what we are doing in other countries. Our work in Mexico is growing rapidly but has been somewhat retarded the last year, by the absence of Bro. Powell, who agreed, with the consent of the Foreign Board, to canvass the South in behalf of the "Centennial" movement. We have

in this field, thirty-two missionaries, two native assistants and over 1000 members. Their cry is "Mexico for Christ." Our Brazilian mission is progressing slowly. We have 23 missionaries, two native assistants, and 453 members. The most effective work is among the young. In our Italian field we have 17 missionaries and a membership of 347. This work is being prosecuted with much difficulty, owing to illness and lack of men and money. Bro. Eager will soon publish "Romanism in Italy." In Africa we have 15 missionaries, six native assistants and 144 members. This is a wide field and very difficult owing to the climate, and the warring factions—still the outlook is hopeful. In Japan we have four missionaries with a membership of 27. Very little progress is being made there. The cry is for *men*. In China we have 35 missionaries, 21 native assistants, and a membership of 938. Much attention in this field is being paid to the boys. A Sunday School class of 80 is reported. This is an active field and much is being done, but our Government by the Chinese exclusion act has materially crippled our work, causing much ill feeling and opposition to our missionaries. May God overrule this political question, and bring about a reconciliation in order that our good work may go on.

From all our Foreign Fields the cry is, send us men! *men!* MEN! and pray for us and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

As new fields are opened up, let us foresee the good that is to be accomplished for our Master, through *our efforts*, and do our duty, remembering that we are *commanded* to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Respectfully submitted, GASTON J. ROBERTSON

After remarks by Brethren Kailin, Austill, Robertson, Newell, Roberts, Alexander, Hall, Quattlebaum, Cooper, Dicken, Hare, Dossett, and pending the discussion the Association adjourned for dinner. Prayer by Bro. Cahall.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

30. The body reassembled, and after devotional exercises, took up, and the pending reports at adjournment were further discussed by Brethren Maupin, Gaston, Cahall and Lumbard, and then adopted.

31. Bro. Cahall offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the churches in this Association be requested to take up collections for Missions, and other denominational work, monthly.

32. Bro. Shell, on behalf of the Committee on Nominations, submitted the following report, which was adopted: (20.)

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Executive Committee—R. L. Maupin, W. P. Roberts, D W. McGaughey, J. H. Bolton, S. R. Olliphant, Gaston J. Robertson, James M. Tucker,

R. S. Dicken, Frank Barlow, E. R. Quattlebaum, G. T. Litchfield, S. L. Freeland and Joseph Arnett.

Delegates to State Convention—D. R. Cooper, J. M. Kailin, R. S. Dicken A. B. Gaston, W. J. Young, W. A. Alexander, W. P. Roberts and J. U. Thompson.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Covention—H. Austill; alternates, H. P. Hanson and J. B. Fletcher.

33. Bro. Quattlebaum read the following, on behalf of the committee on Shell Banks church, which was adopted: (19)

REPORT ON SHELL BANKS CHURCH.

The Committee on Shell Banks church recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That the Mobile Baptist Association now meeting with Union church, Mobile county, learn with great sorrow that the members of Shell Banks church have not sent delegates to meet with their brothers at this Association.

Second. That it is the hope and sincere desire of this Association that at its next annual meeting there will be delegates from Shell Banks church, bringing the glad tidings that our brethren of that church are dwelling together in Christian union and harmony.

Third. That our missionary, Bro. J. M. Kailin, be requested to bear a copy, of these resolutions to our brothers of Shell Banks church with Christian greeting from the Mobile Baptist Association, at his earliest convenience.

E. R. QUATTLEBAUM,
D. R. COOPER.
H. AUSTILL.

34. Bro. Robertson read the report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We have in this Mobile Baptist Association fifteen churches, representing a membership of scholars, last report, 650; church membership, 1431. Eight of these churches do not enjoy the privileges of Sunday Schools. More than one-half of our churches in this Association are without the *Word of God* being taught to their young people, upon whom the future prosperity of our churches must depend. Two hundred and sixty-seven members of these churches have no Sunday Schools for their own spiritual benefit.

In our Southern Baptist Convention we have 18,482 churches; 8,862 Sunday Schools; 52,513 officers and teachers; 440,262 scholars; more than 9000 churches without Sunday Schools. Still there were 412 Sunday Schools organized in the South the past year.

To-day the Baptist Sunday Schools of America have grown until they number nearly 200,000 officers and teachers, and more than 1,000,000 scholars. Every State in the Union is represented in this grand total. Who can estimate its steady influence upon society in inculcating Christian doctrine and

training the young in the path of virtue? The Baptist Sunday School work, to-day, is splendidly organized and engages the warm sympathies of men and women who are looking forward with hopeful anticipations that the Lord will greatly increase their number and usefulness and bless this work to the spiritual advantage of the people.

Work of the Sunday School is not play, but should be one of earnest toil. To train Christian children as if for a life of play, is to do them, as well as Christ, a wrong. It should be play in no church, but earnest consecrated Christian service. Respectfully submitted, E. O. FOWLKES,

The report was discussed by H. P. Hanson, J. W. Dossett, W. A. Alexander, E. R. Quattlebaum, G. T. Litchfield, J. S. Lumbard and G. J. Robertson, and then adopted.

35. After prayer, the body took a recess until 7 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

36. The Association reconvened at 7 p. m. Prayer by J. R. Newell.

37. The Committee on Ministerial Education presented the following report, which was adopted: (25)

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee recommend that this Association try to raise $250 for Ministerial Education, to be raised as follows: St. Francis Street, $140; Palmetto Street, $25; Bethany, $10; Zion, $10; Shady Grove, $10; Union, $10; Red Bud, $5; Bay Minette, $5. Bay Shore. $5; Bayou le Batre, $5; Citronelle, $5.

38. T. W. Davis read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Chemically, fermented distilled mal s are Satan's greatest workmen. They travel the world over, seeking whom they may devour. They poison both soul and body, and destroy them. They bring poverty, disgrace, shame and woe upon every creature with whom they come in contact; separate friends, families and create dens of iniquity. They do no one any good, nor elevate any one, but debauch everything. They are the most accursed evils ever allowed to exist. If we would then obey the voice of God and look not upon the wine when it is red, for even a look sometimes tempts us to share and participate in things which we would not do otherwise, but raise up in all our God-given power, we could soon have this evil blotted from the face of the earth. We should be temperate in all things; it is our duty to God, self, family and to our fellowman. We should carry temperance to the polls, in the pulpit, in society, and we should pray to God earnestly in this matter, for if we do not we will never gain the victory over this great evil of intemperance. And when we do so, we can sing the praises of victory more perfectly in a world without end, where all is peace and joy forever and ever.

Respectfully submitted, THOS. W. DAVIS.

After remarks by G. T. Litchfield, J. W. Dossett, A. B. Gaston, J. R. Newell, J. M. Kailin and H. P. Hanson, the report was adopted.

39. On motion, the proceedings of Woman's Work of this Association are incorporated in the minutes.

40. The following report of moneys accompanying church letters was made by the

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

	MINUTES.	MISSIONS.
St. Francis Street	$11 00	$ ....
Palmetto Street	5 00	....
Zion	2 00	15 80
Citronelle	1 10	....
Red Bud	1 50	....
Bayou le Batre	1 50	5 00
Shady Grove	75	3 80
Mt. Pleasant	2 50	7 60
Union	....	1 56
Totals	$25 35	$33 76

Cash collection for missions after sermon Sunday, $39 11. Pledges $29 50.

Respectfully submitted W. L. CAHALL.

It was moved and adopted that the collection to be taken up after the sermon by Bro. Shell to-morrow be added to it. The report was then adopted.

41. A collection amounting to $10 34 was taken up to supplement the Minute Fund.

42. Bro. Cooper moved that the Clerk be allowed $15 00 for his services. Adopted.

43. On motion, the place of meeting of our Association for next year, was left with the Executive Committee.

44. G. J. Robertson offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we extend grateful thanks to the members of Union church, and this community generally, for their cordial welcome, for their generous furnishing of vehicles, delicious dinner served daily on the ground, and untiring trouble and efforts in behalf of the delegates and visitors to the Association.

45. The Moderator appointed the following committees to report next year:

Foreign Missions—E. O. Fowlkes, R. F. Farnell, Noel Turner.

State and Home Missions—W. L. Cahall, W. P. Roberts and Joseph Arnett.

Sunday Schools—G. T. Litchfield, J. B. Fletcher and A. B. Gaston.

Temperance—J. Bestor Robertson, W. J. Smith, Chas. Hall.

Colportage—W. A. Alexander, G. A. Coleman, S. L. Freeland.

Education—H. Austill, D. S. Myers and R. S. Dicken.

Woman's Work—Miss Lida Robertson, Miss Daisy Pettus and Miss Ava Farnell.

46. The Association then adjourned to meet on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1894, at 10 a. m., with such church as may be selected by the Executive Committee. Prayer by Bro. Shell.

R. L. MAUPIN, *Moderator*.

D. W. McGAUGHEY, *Clerk*.

WOMEN'S MEETING.

Rev. J. M. Kailin conducted the opening exercises. The 16th chapter of Romans was read, in which so many women-workers are mentioned, and appropriately commented upon.

Miss Lida Robertson then took charge of the meeting and earnestly addressed her hearers in behalf of missions and the co-operation with the Central Committee.

Many of the societies were represented and Miss Robertson received gratifying indications of future co-operation

The aim of the movement was fully and clearly presented, and much literature was distributed. The meeting closed with most encouraging prospects of better results hereafter.

CHURCHES WITH WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

Union, Evan Fields, President, St. Elmo; Zion, Mrs. M. C. Farnell, President, Miss E. R. Fletcher, Sec'y, Mobile; Shady Grove, Miss Edwina Turner, Spring Hill; Bayou le Batre, Mrs. R. Simonson, Bayou le Batre; St. Francis Street, Ladies Aid, Mrs. Origen Sibley, Mobile; Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Lawrence Moore, Mobile; Palmetto Street, Mobile; Bethany, Whistler; Citronelle.

NOTES BY THE CLERK,

By the urgent insistance of G. T. Litchfield the Unioa Sunday School was reorganized with most promising success. A. B. Gaston was elected Superintendent. Miss Lida Robertson being present, and at the request of Bro. Litchfield, gave the school some "object lessons," exhibiting pieces of paper, cut in the shape of hearts, showing to the children how sin first commences, and unless checked at once, how it will grow.

At 11 a. m. Sunday, Rev. H. H. Shell preached to a crowded house. After which, a collection for missions was taken up amounting to $39 11 cash, and $29 50 pledges.

The preaching, as reported by the Committee on Public Worship, was carried out.

The meeting at 2 p. m. Sunday, conducted by Miss Lida Robertson, for the women, was a success in every way.

Sunday night's service was conducted by Rev. H. P. Hanson. After a strong sermon many came forward for prayer. Before the close of the services the visitors and delegates were requested to take the front seats, and during the song they were bidden good-bye with warm-hearted fellow-ship.

Ordained Ministers connected with Association.

TAYLOR, J. J., D. D.	Mobile, Ala.
SHELL, H. H.	Mobile, Ala.
KAILIN, J. M.	Mobile, Ala.
COOPER, D. R.	Whistler, Ala.
MYERS, D. S.	Whistler, Ala.
JUDD, E. P. H.	Whistler, Ala.
NEWELL, J. R.	Spring Hill, Ala.
HELVESTON, F. M.	Spring Hill, Ala.
LUMBARD, J. S.	St. Elmo, Ala.
THOMPSON, J. U.	St. Elmo, Ala.
HANSON, H. P.	Theresa, Ala.
VAUGHAN, E. R.	Bay Minette, Ala.
NELSON, J. N.	Battle's Wharf, Ala.
PARKER, W. A.	Thomasville, Ala.

LICENIATES.

CAHALL, W. L.	Mobile, Ala.
DOSSETT, J. W.	Whistler, Ala.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This body shall be styled THE MOBILE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, and it shall meet annually at such time and place as may be duly determined.

ARTICLE II.

It shall be composed of all pastors within the bounds of this Association and of messengers from Baptist churches holding substantially the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, at the rate of one messenger for every twenty-five members.

ARTICLE III.

We adopt as our scriptural belief the "Declaration of Faith" as published in the Baptist Church Manual by the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

Its object shall be without interfering with the independence of the Churches, to concentrate Christian effort in the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom at home and abroad.

ARTICLE V.

Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall perform the usual duties of such officers. They shall be elected annually by ballot, and remain in office until their successors are elected. The offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be in one.

ARTICLE VI.

Corresponding Messengers from other bodies of our Denomination shall be entitled to all privileges except voting.

ARTICLE VII.

The business of this Association shall be conducted, between its sessions by an Executive Committee of thirteen members, appointed annually, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds belonging to the Association, and give an itemized report thereof, annually.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.